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In Support of H.B. No. 5245 **AN ACT PERMITTING ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF SPECIAL SESSION**

Government Administration and Elections

February 22, 2016

Dear Senator Cassano, Representative Julita, Senator McLachlan, Representative Smith, and all other distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee; Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on H.B. 5245.

In order to achieve greater efficiency in state government, I support the use of electronic service to provide notice of special session under CGS 2-7.

For our special session in December 2015, I received notice via a hand delivered letter from a Connecticut State Trooper at 11:45pm on a Saturday evening. This untimely delivery was because I was away all day, and after repeated attempts the only time the State Trooper could reach me was at 11:45pm. I must say the State Trooper was extremely professional and courteous. On a personal level our interaction was very positive. However repeated attempts to deliver the notice throughout the day meant the Trooper was not able to perform his regular duties.

While perhaps hand delivery was necessary in the past, in 2016 electronic forms of communication have become the norm. Whether it is email, text messages, social media, twitter, etc. there are numerous electronic options available to notify state legislators of an upcoming special session.

In conclusion, allowing electronic message delivery will not only cut costs but free up our State Troopers to perform their normal duties.

Thank you.

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